



EL PASO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Dear Members:

EPRTA is off to a great start! At the September meeting, we had 80 members in attendance. Also, the District XIX Conference was well attended. It was a wonderful time to meet with Ysleta, Lower Valley, and Big Bend members. Louadah Waggoner came from the Ft. Davis area and related one way their retirees gather volunteer hours is by helping with Fort Davis tours.

At the Conference, Ray Spivey (TRS representative) enlightened us to the TRS findings. He spoke about the pension fund that will be able to pay benefits through 2075. The TRS Care plan and the new Medicare Advantage Plan were also discussed - *The Voice* will provide more information.

November is Foundation month. At the convention in Houston, El Paso RTA donated over \$1,000. Henry Dunbar has been instrumental in fund-raising efforts which "you" as members have generously supported!

On November 29th please bring in your Oct./Nov. volunteer hours and steps walked to be entered into a drawing to be held next year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

"If you pause to think - you'll have cause to thank!"

Author Unknown (from Hugs)

Ruth Frith, President

November 29, 2012 – 12:00 noon

Program	- Legislators have been invited
Location	- Wyndham Airport Hotel
Time	- 12:00 noon
Cost	- \$17.00
Menu	- Romaine Salad with Apples and Walnuts, Roast Prime Rib, Shallots, Cornbread-Apple Dressing, Scalloped Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Boston Cream Pie. Rolls, Iced Tea and Coffee included.

****The Wyndham is now requiring that reservations**
****be turned in on the Thursday before the meeting.******

For November, if you are not contacted for the meeting, please call Lila Murphy 253-5792, by Tuesday, November 20. Also, if you make a reservation for the luncheon, and you are unable to attend, you will be responsible for the payment to Nan Pollock, Treasurer, unless you cancel with Lila Murphy by Sunday, November 25.

If you have a new telephone number or new address, please contact Lila Murphy 253-5792 or Patricia Lally, Membership Chairman, 821-4570. Also, please check your own information in the 2012-13 Yearbook. If there are any mistakes, call Lila Murphy, 253-5792, so they can be corrected.

Ways to Avoid Theft When Traveling - Part2

1. Use safer ATM's. Debit cards are best left at home, but if cash is needed use ATMS in bank lobbies. Withdrawals in bank lobbies are less vulnerable to devices that robbers use to capture information. Most bank lobbies have camera surveillance.
2. Carry a spare wallet. In addition to your real wallet, carry a throw-away with a few dollars. If your acosted, hand over the spare wallet while keeping the real one.
3. Weed our your wallet. Carry only essential identifiers like your drivers license and as few credit cards as possible. Men should keep their wallets in a buttoned breast pocket or buttoned pants pockets. Purses with wide straps and locked clasps and worn diagonally over the chest are safest for women to use. Never hang a purse over the door when you use a public restroom.
4. Be careful with hotel computers. Do not access finanacial data on hotel or other public computers.
5. Beware of "front desk" fraudsters. A phone call to your hotel room requesting your credit card number again, may be a ruse by an ID thief. Ignore the request and call the front desk yourself to check for authenticity of the call.

Yoli Barbe, Chairman
Informative and Protective Services

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

**Joanne Foster for the loss of her husband
Lois Piper**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts:

**Kathryn Page Morgan
Dorcas Wilkerson**

If you know of members who are ill, members who have ill family, or those in need of special remembrance, please contact Nancy Wall 755-5152 or Ruth Frith 821-3242



REMINDERS

We are continuing to collect pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and donations for the Transitional Living Center. Also, bring your used books to exchange at our monthly meetings.

If you and your spouse are both members of EPRTA and only need to receive one (1) copy of the newsletter, please let us know. Lila Murphy, 253-5792

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE



Go to www.trta.org. On the Homepage bar - go to “Grassroots,” scroll down to Districts, then click on District XIX. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on El Paso RTA. Remember to “bookmark” the page for quicker access. Thanks to Lila Murphy, Joe Barbe, and Jackie Morgan-Tomko for keeping us current in this digital age!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Ana Bingham is looking for volunteers to help her with the Children’s Book Project. She needs help labeling, sorting, and delivering books to the schools. Please contact her if you can help! We are also accepting donations of new or gently used children’s books.

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Joe Barbe
Member Benefits Representative

GOOD NEWS!

Virginia Sinclair was selected as a winner in TRTA's membership renewal drawing. Congratulations Virginia!!

WILDERNESS PETITIONS

Last year, members who attended our luncheon meetings had the opportunity on two occasions to sign the petition to the city asking to preserve land in the Transmountain Scenic Corridor in its natural state. In case you haven't heard, the city will be developing the lower elevations, and TxDOT will be building its super highway, but YOU petition signers had your success! Over 600 acres of undeveloped land in the upper elevations, just below Franklin Mountains State Park, will REMAIN IN ITS NATURAL STATE and will become part of the State Park, preserved and protected in perpetuity. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your most valuable help in our fight to preserve our beautiful mountains, wildlife and native plants. Once gone, they are gone forever, but you have made the wishes of the people known, that we love this land. Thank you.

Joe Barbe

**Our next EPRTA General Meeting will be November 29th, 2012.
Legislators have been invited!**

Addendum 1 2012-2013
(Please place in your yearbook)

New Members

Bouilly, Karen District, State 4021 Esperanza 79922	585-1078
Brown, Betty Ann District, State 3506 Olympic 79904	757-2803
Gedaly, Julia R. District, State 7413 Mission Viejo 79912	449-3260
Gutierrez, Dolores District, State 3355 Trawood 79936	855-3356
Holmes, Maria District, State 11402 James Grant 79936	449-8089
Jordan, Arturo A. District, State 2725 Prestwick 79925	593-3642
Lachmann, Ina District, State 8905 Lait Dr. 79925-5952.....	591-4695
Larow, Patricia A. District, State 10218 Lakeview Dr 79924.....	751-8045
Lopez, Donald District, State 308 Caporal Ct. 79932.....	581-7072
Mendoza, Martha District, State 11252 Pony Soldier 79936.....	920-8947
Paddock, Mary District, State 6813 Pasatiempo 79912-7470.....	584-4631
Patrick Lorraine District, State 2001Greenlee 79936	857-0873
Rice, Louise District, State 634 Copperfield Ln. 79912.....	833-8496
VanNosdale, Maureen District, State 9001 Belk 79904-1001.....	751-0366
Word, Robert E. District, State 5525 N. Stanton #34F 79912-6409	587-8392

Corrections

Blanding, Ann Local Life 610 Teinert St, Copperas Cove TX 76522-2948	
Dinesman, Rhea District 11603 Bolera Cr, San Antonio TX 78730-7890	
Jones, Sarah Local Life, State Life <i>Newsletter returned, no forwarding information</i>	
Osborn, Peggy District, State 7824 Big Bend Dr.79904-3520.....	881-4446
Payne, James Local Life, District, State CM 900 E. Vandament Ave Apt 151, Yukon OK 73099-4908	
Prichard, Marie Local Life, District, State Life <i>Newsletter returned, no forwarding information</i>	
Reed, Dale Elizabeth R. Local Life, District, State 1617 Temple Ln, South Jordan UT 84095-2466	
Rivera, Linda R. Local Life 5733 Republic of Texas Blvd, Austin TX 78735.....	512-899-2750
Rollins, Myrth Local Life 5816 Vista Clara Dr.79912-4863	
Thompson, Hazel Local Life, State Life 553 Chula Vista St. 79915..... <i>Phone disconnected</i>	
Veale, Martha Dr. District, State 413 Grosseto Ln, Georgetown TX 76828-7029.....	915-309-2741
Woodhouse, Jane C. District, State 1840 Arnold Palmer Dr. 79935-3024.....	595-1788
Woodward, Margaret M. District, State 3440 Kirkwall St. 79925-7710	